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**NOTICE TO U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE  
GROUND BEEF SUPPLIERS**

Effective with ground beef offers submitted to U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) under Announcement LS-82 - Invitation 2, Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS) will allow the use of Lean Finely Textured Beef (LFTB) in the production of:

Fine ground beef,  
Fine ground beef packed in 1-pound packages,  
Beef patties with vegetable protein product (VPP),  
100% beef patties, and  
Lean beef patties

Contractors should determine price and availability of LFTB prior to submitting an offer under Announcement LS-82.

/s/William T. Sessions

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